26279 to 26281.

From China. Presented by Rev. T. D. Holmes, Alfred, N. Y. Received November 24, 1909.

Seeds of the following:

26279. Aleurites fordii Hemsl.

China wood-oil tree.

Largest seeds of this variety yet received. See No. 25081 for description.

26280. Sapindus mukorossi Gaertn.

"The Chinese use this fruit, just as it is gathered, to wash with. My wife says these soap balls are superior to our soap for washing flannel fabric, in that they prevent shrinking." (*Holmes*.)

Distribution.—Southeastern China, in the provinces of Chekiang, Fukien, Hupeh, and Kwangtung. Also in India, and introduced into Japan.

26281. Gymnocladus Chinensis Baill.

"The pods of this tree are used as a soap." (Holmes.)

Distribution.—The southeastern part of China, in the provinces of Hupeh, Chekiang, and Kiangsi.

26282. VICIA FABA L.

Horse bean.

From Cawnpore, United Provinces, India. Presented by Mr. H. M. Leake, economic botanist to government. Received November 29, 1909.

"Seed of the only form of *Vicia faba* grown here. It is a cold-weather crop, sown in October and ripening in March. The unripe pod is used as a vegetable and the ripe seed after soaking and boiling. The stalks are used as fodder for stock, chopped up and mixed with other fodder (e. g., sorghum).

"The plant is grown only for personal consumption. It has, therefore, no market value." (Leake.)

26283. PINUS PINCEANA Gordon.

From Mexico. Presented by Mr. Elswood Chaffey, Hacienda de Cedros, Mazapil, Zacatecas, Mexico. Received November 18, 1909.

"Seed from a pine which grows some 50 feet high and as much as 2 feet in diameter." (Chaffey.)

Distribution.—Along gulches on the slopes of the great table-land in northeastern Mexico, between 19° and 25° north latitude.

26284 to 26288.

From Tokyo, Japan. Presented by Mr. Albert J. Perkins, who procured them from The Tokyo Plant, Seed and Implement Co. Received November 29, 1909.

Seeds of the following:

26284 to 26287. RAPHANUS SATIVUS L.

Radish.

26284. Sakurajima. See No. 22399 for previous introduction.

26285. Nerima. See No. 22397 for previous introduction.

26286. Takuwan,

26287. *Miyashige*.

26288. ARALIA CORDATA Thunb.

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Kan. For description, see Bulletin 42, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture.

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